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REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1880.

Real Estate	\$1,991,880 00	
Personal Estate	1,133,247 00	
Total	<hr/>	\$3,125,127 00

Number of polls		633
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State tax on polls	\$1 00	
County tax on polls	1 00	
Total poll tax	<hr/>	\$2 00

State tax on property48½ on \$1,000	
County tax on property54½ on 1,000	
Town tax on property	\$5.97 on 1,000	
Total rate of taxation	<hr/>	\$7.90 on 1,000

Total tax on polls	\$1,266 00	
Total tax on personal estate	7,933 75	
Total tax on real estate	13,943 16	
Total tax for State, County and Town	<hr/>	\$23,142 91

Number of dwelling houses	511	
Number of acres of land	1517	
Number of horses	193	
Number of cows	105	

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

		Rate per cent.	Date.	When due.
C. F. Coffin, Trustee .	\$11,000 00	7	Nov. 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
Lynn Inst'n for Savings	5,000 00	7	Nov. 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
P. A. Chase	5,000 00	7	Nov. 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
P. A. Chase, Trustee .	5,000 00	7	Nov. 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
Lynn Inst'n for Savings	4,500 00	5	May 21, '77,	May 21, '82
Blaney & Phillips . . .	1,000 00	6	Dec. 2, '76,	Dec. 2, '81
Edward Knowles . . .	250 00	6	Dec. 2, '76,	Dec. 2, '81
Outstanding orders, . .	282 20			
	<u>\$32,032 20*</u>			

The balance of uncollected taxes is as follows:—

William Seger, 1874	\$235 70
William Seger, 1875	581 22
Total tax uncollected	<u>\$816 92</u>
Due from State Aid	764 50
Cash in Treasury	9,903 91
Value of Public Property	38,759 75
Indigent Soldiers' Aid	196 10
	<u>\$50,441 18</u>

* Debt reduced during the year, \$7,674.80.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT,

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
To prevent the sale of liquor	1,000 00
Extra appropriation	30 00
Receipts from liquor licenses,	200 00
Receipts from peddlers' licenses	6 00
Received of Horace Norton, land rent	15 00
	<hr/> \$2,751 00

EXPENDITURES.

E. D. Smithurst, distributing Reports	\$3 00
L. C. Smith, distributing Reports	3 00
Leech & Lewis, printing Reports	90 00
Everett Boynton, stationery	2 76
R. M. Pulsifer & Co., advertising, Boston Herald	7 50
Journal Newspaper Co., advertising	9 00
Little, Brown & Co., copy of Town Officers . .	3 00
John Macfarlane & Co., printing bills, curbstones	2 00
Hastings & Sons, advertising	21 96
A. A. Abbott, Clerk of Courts, cost of entering	
By-Laws	7 90
City of Salem, part cost of boundary stone . . .	3 50
Leonard Blanchard, land rent for life boat . . .	15 00
L. C. Parker, printing tax bills	5 25
Geo. F. King, dog tax book and paper	9 75
Geo. F. King, books for record and mortgages .	20 00
E. Eugene Chute, hacking and expressing police	
and beer	1 50
Town of Marblehead, tax on gravel pit	9 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$214 62

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$214 62
D. H. Millett, cash paid sundries, Assessors' dep't	5 40
John Washburn, use of horse and carriage . .	4 00
C. K. & D. H. Roberts, expressing	6 65
Nathan M. Hawkes, legal services	28 00
Chas. A. Morris, painting coasting and way signs	4 37
Alonzo Corey, labor on flagstaff at Town Hall .	2 00
Wm. Martin, labor on flagstaff at Town Hall .	2 00
J. E. O. Nesbitt, labor on flagstaff at Town Hall	2 00
Frank Blaney, labor on flagstaff at Town Hall .	1 25
Warren T. Small, paint for flagstaff at Town Hall	1 20
Chas. W. Gay, surveying land at Town Hall . .	6 60
S. J. Pettengill, sundries at Town Hall	5 64
Frank Lowell, painting sign	2 00
William M. Hill, services State police at Ocean Cottage	20 00
James M. Weeman, three and one-half days' la- bor at S. A. Lewis' Rock Avenue	11 37
A. F. Nesbitt, damages, Rock Avenue	4 17
Royalty for driven well at hay scales	10 00
John Chapman, labor and stock, well at hay scales	3 41
T. O. Philbrick, labor and stock, well at hay scales	8 03
A. J. Kelley, tubular well at hay scales	67 77
A. J. Kelley, stock and labor at tubular well . .	17 85
J. H. Webster, wood pump at tubular well . .	11 00
David Myers, labor on drain at hay scales . . .	2 00
Daniel J. Myers, labor on drain at hay scales .	1 75
E. Marsh, Jr., half day labor at well at hay scales	88
Daniel Myers, half day labor at well at hay scales	1 00
S. H. Shaw, teaming rocks at hay scales	75
I. H. Andrews, labor on railing, Burrill Street opposite New Ocean	3 00
John Kennedy, labor on rail, setting posts, at the same place	1 50
Malachi Kennedy, setting posts at same place .	2 00
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber at the same place .	3 08
P. Cullen, iron railing, Burrill and Rockland Sts.	6 71
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$462 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$462 00
I. H. Andrews, stock and labor, railing on Rock- land Street	2 80
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber for railing on Rock- land Street	1 64
Wm. H. Wilson, stone for bank wall at same .	4 96
D. J. Myers, two and one-half days' labor at same	4 38
Daniel Myers, two and one-half days' labor, same	5 00
John Myers, two and one-half days' labor at same	4 38
T. O. Philbrick, repairing pump opposite W. Stubbs' market	1 90
J. H. Webster, two boxes, and repairing pump at same place	3 50
John H. Crosman, returning deaths	5 25
Frauk M. Alley, returning deaths	6 00
E. A. Farnham, services as Auditor, 1879 . .	15 00
Joseph Stanley, collecting taxes, 1880	223 03
D. P. Stimpson, services as Treasurer, 1880 . .	125 00
D. P. Stimpson, postage, stationery, administer- ing oaths, etc.	17 18
D. H. Millett, services as Auditor, 1879 . . .	15 00
D. H. Millett, services, Sec. Board of Assessors, 1880	125 00
John Chapman, services Board of Assessors, 1880	40 00
Benj. J. Lindsey, services as Auditor, 1879 . .	15 00
Benj. J. Lindsey, services as Town Clerk, 1880	75 00
Benj. J. Lindsey, returning and recording births, marriages and deaths	31 15
Benj. J. Lindsey, cash paid express, dog notices, stationery, etc.	8 94
I. H. Andrews, services as Chairman Selectmen, 1880	150 00
I. H. Andrews, services as Assessor, 1880 . .	40 00
I. H. Andrews, cash paid car fare	5 30
I. H. Andrews, street signs	2 00
Geo. Towns, services as Selectman, 1880 . . .	100 00
Chas. W. Haskell, services as Selectman, 1880	100 00
Benj. Potter, services as Clerk Selectmen . . .	125 00
	————\$1,714 41

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$6,500 00
Receipts Massachusetts School Fund	138 04
	<u>\$6,638 04</u>

EXPENDITURES.

S. E. Bailey, services as teacher	\$900 00
Abbie M. Mott, services as teacher	450 00
Charlotte F. Mott, services as teacher	405 00
Hattie J. Thing, services as teacher	405 00
Emma J. Machon, services as teacher	312 50
Martha E. Grey, services as teacher	350 00
Fannie L. Stanley, services as teacher	350 00
Annie E. Boynton, services as teacher	187 50
Margaret B. Wardwell, services as teacher	397 50
Kate Commerford, services as teacher	190 00
E. J. Hadley, services as teacher	237 50
Mrs. M. E. Larkin, services as teacher	180 00
Kitty L. Hardwell, services as teacher	43 50
Alva Gowdey, services as teacher	45 00
Mrs. P. Holden, services as teacher	14 00
Miss S. L. Honors, services as teacher	10 50
Miss A. L. Thing, services as teacher	12 00
R. V. Bessom, janitor Essex St. School	50 00
Eben S. Martin, Jr., janitor Grammar School	300 00
Eben S. Martin, Jr., cash paid for brushes, &c.	3 09
John P. Pierce janitor West End School	99 96
Bridget Casey, janitor Farm School	50 00
Mrs. Harriet Coan, janitor Beach School	100 00
A. F. Nesbitt, services as truant officer, 1879	45 00
Benj. M. Green, services as truant officer, 1879	15 00
Mrs. S. Hammond, cleaning Grammar School	2 00
Mrs. Hannah Kane, cleaning Grammar School	1 00
Mrs. E. Maker, cleaning Grammar School	1 00
Daniel Lombard, sawing and splitting wood	8 00
J. E. Melzard, taking up and putting down desks	10 00

Amount carried forward,

\$5,175 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,175 05.
J. E. Melzard, paint and labor Pine St. School	95 00
J. E. Melzard, paint and labor Essex St. Sch'l	50 00
H. W. Wilson, cleaning clock Farm School .	2 00
H. W. Wilson, cleaning clock Beach School .	2 00
H. W. Wilson, new clock	5 00
J. E. Chase, cleaning vaults at Grammar Sch.	12 00
J. E. Chase, cleaning vault at Beach School .	5 00
J. E. Chase, cleaning vault at Pine St. School	3 00
Boston School Supply Co., dictionary and maps	17 55
J. Chapman, stock and repairs Grammar Sch'l	15 72
J. Chapman, stock and repairs Beach School .	8 20
J. Chapman, stock and repairs Pine St. School	2 87
H. J. Bodwell, cleaning clock	1 00
G. H. Holden, wood	17 70
E. Boynton, books	20 70
John P. Russell, painting Grammar School .	102 95
Leech & Lewis, printing School Reports . .	21 50
Gilbert Delano, stock and labor	8 75
Nehemiah Lee, coal	159 08
Gilbert Kniveton, stock and labor, piping, etc.	16 53
Alden Choate, wood and coal	39 77
Theron Porter, labor	4 05
John Chapman, labor and stock Beach School	75
I. H. Andrews, labor and stock	1 90
Wm. A. Francis, sundries at Grammar School	3 17
• C. E. Durgin, hardware	2 26
Thomas Davey, steam pipe	11 38
Lee & Shepard, books	54 00
D. N. Kemp, broom	35
Bartlett Shaw, grading at Beach School . .	59 55
Frank O. Ellis, sundries	9 80
Frank O. Ellis, re-seating chair	65
J. L. Hammatt, cushion erasers	11 67
Carter, Rice & Co., paper	25 00
Carter, Rice & Co., paper and ink	16 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,982 40

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,982 40
William Ware, books	90
Hall & Whiting, ink and inkstand	4 40
O. Lappan & Co., brooms	4 00
D. Lathrop & Co., books	3 20
Rand, Avery & Co., diplomas	15 00
Nichols & Hall, crayons and ink	15 75
A. G. Whitcomb, school desks	115 00
S. E. Bailey, sundries	6 17
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Beach School . .	11 41
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Farm School . .	3 60
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Grammar School	27 84
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Pine St. School .	24 65
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Essex St. School	5 05
C. A. Morris, stock and repairs Farm School	4 15
C. A. Morris, stock and repairs Grammar Sch.	7 25
C. A. Morris, stock and repairs Pine St. Sch.	3 25
C. A. Morris, stock and repairs Essex St. Sch.	3 75
C. A. Morris, stock and repairs	6 25
C. A. Morris, drawing paper	31 45
C. A. Morris, services as School Com., 1879 .	75 00
Chas. P. Curtis, services as School Com , 1879	60 00
F. O. Ellis, services as School Com., 1880 .	60 00
S. O. Ingalls, services as School Com., 1880	75 00
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	\$6,554 47

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Extra appro'n, Columbia St. and Beach Ave.	500 00
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	\$4,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Patrick Farrell, 67½ days' work at \$1.75 . .	\$118 11
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$118 11

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$118 11
Patrick Farrell, 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work and team \$3.50	165 37
William Kain, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . . .	30 62
Dennis Lyons, 14 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	24 50
John C. Rich, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . . .	23 62
George Barker, 12 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	21 00
R. P. Kendrick, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3.50	75 25
Michael Ryan, 93 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	162 72
Thomas Cahill, 54 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	94 50
J. McDonough, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3.50	222 25
D. W. Nesbitt, 30 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	52 48
Ed. Marsh, Jr., 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . .	79 61
Michael Casey, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . .	55 12
Jasper Stone, 2 days' work at \$1.75	3 50
James Bryson, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3.50	106 75
Daniel Allen, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3.50	54 25
J. G. Twisden, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team 3.50	85 75
Nath'l Galeucia, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . .	30 62
William Haley, 48 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	84 00
J. W. Thurston, 5 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	8 75
John Griffin, labor on snow	3 00
Daniel Cronin, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . . .	4 37
Geo. H. Wellman, 39 days' work at \$1.75 . .	68 24
Bryan McDermott, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 .	6 12
Timothy Ryan, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . .	149 60
James Myers, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 . . .	9 62
John N. Galeucia, 42 days' work at \$1.75 .	73 48
Daniel J. Myers, 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work at \$1.75 .	111 54
Daniel Myers, 64 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work at \$1.75 . . .	113 30
Daniel Myers, blasting	4 50
John Myers, 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work at \$1.75	58 19
James Lyons, 20 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	34 98
Stephen Raudall, 21 days' work at \$1.75 . .	36 74
Abram D. Stone, 19 days' work at \$1.75 . .	33 24
John Gaunon, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3 50	99 75
John Mahan, 80 days' work at \$1.75	139 99
Thomas Murray, 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, paving, \$2.25 . .	61 19

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,506 62
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,506 62
Thomas Murray, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work at \$1.75 . .	45 07
S. Nesbitt, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75	14 87
A. D. Armstrong, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 .	37 62
Charles Roderick, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at \$1.75 .	27 12
Patrick Carroll, 15 days' work at \$1.75 . .	26 25
A. G. Stone, 50 days' work at \$1.75	87 49
Martin Nies, 38 days' work and team \$3.50 .	133 87
J. M. Weeman, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3.50	110 25
J. M. Weeman, 1 day's work	1 75
S. H. Shaw, 96 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work and team \$3.50 .	338 62
S. H. Shaw, 1 day's work and team	3 00
Bartlett Shaw, 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work and team \$3.50	246 75
Bartlett Shaw, 8 days' work at \$1.75 . . .	14 00
Bartlett Shaw, pruning trees,	2 00
Bartlett Shaw, 101 days' personal service \$2.75	277 75
Martin Carpenter, 26 loads gravel at 30 cents	7 80
J. P. Woodbury, 1879 loads gravel at 15 cents	281 85
J. F. Phillips, 410 loads gravel at 15 cents .	61 50
P. Holden, 142 loads gravel at 25	35 50
Rob't Harris, 3 days' shoveling snow	4 50
Rob't Harris, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' teaming at \$3.50 . .	141 75
Rob't Harris, plowing streets	1 00
Thomas Bergin, sharpening picks	4 90
Ames' Plow Co., 1 dozen shovels	12 52
Parker & Gannett, brush-snath and scythe .	1 65
Charles E. Durgin, 1 shovel	1 00
Patrick Allen, sharpening picks and drills . .	65 85
Josh. P. Small, sundries	1 25
John Chapman, stock and labor on culverts .	11 88
Thomas Bergin, sharpening picks and drills .	35 24
Bliss Brothers, 6 stone hammers	8 00
Rob't Harris, 12 days' work and team \$3.50 .	42 00
Ivory Emmons, water for streets	285 00
John Washburn, storing derrick	3 00
J. Washburn, 76 days' work and team, \$3.50	266 00
J. Washburn, 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ days' work and team, \$3.50	37 61
	<hr/> \$5,182 83

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Receipts, dog tax, 1879	166 97	
S. L. Honors,	30 30	
	<hr/>	\$797 27

EXPENDITURES.

Miss S. L. Honors, services as librarian . . .	\$145 84	
Curtis V. Merritt, ten weeks' services librarian	37 00	
Curtis V. Merritt, sundries	60	
C. G. Rowell, services assistant librarian, 1880	50 00	
Charles G. Rowell, sundries	1 83	
Charles C. Merritt, services assistant librarian	30 00	
David N. Johnson, copy "Sketches of Lynn"	2 50	
J. L. Lang, rubber stamp	1 25	
E. G. Robinson, Manilla paper for covers . .	16 00	
Benj. Potter & Sons, mouldings and cornice .	3 84	
I. H. Andrews, seven days' labor	19 25	
I. H. Andrews, gross screws	40	
Miss S. L. Honors, sundries	3 50	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, labor	2 00	
J. P. Small, locks, keys, etc.	2 25	
T. O. Philbrick, sundries	1 40	
A. J. Kelley, gas pipe and bracket	5 38	
A. H. Adams, binding books	20 05	
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber	22 38	
Hastings & Sons, printing	1 00	
Hastings & Sons, "Enterprise"	2 00	
New England Subscription Agency, magazines	61 35	
J. N. Allen Berry, cards	11 50	
Newhall & Hussey, book-binding,	48 50	
Estes & Lauriat, books	313 09	
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POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Receipts (reimbursements)	122 62
	<hr/> \$1,622 62

EXPENDITURES.

Essex Co. Receptacle for Insane, board Wm. Quiner	\$130 71
Essex Co. Receptacle for Insane, clothing Wm. Quiner	22 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board, Margaret Welch,	173 17
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, clothing, Margaret Welch	7 47
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board, Anna F. Richardt	87 78
Asylum for Chronic Insane, board Jas. Bishop	166 67
Asylum for Chronic Insane, clothing, James Bishop	16 82
State Hospital for Insane, board, Maria Hatch	173 64
State Hospital for Insane, clothing, Maria Hatch	4 30
State Hospital for Insane, board, Sarah P. Russell	30 59
State Hospital for Insane, board, Ed L. Brimblecomb	176 89
State Hospital for Insane, sundries for same .	1 86
Wm. A. Francis, groceries supplied P. A. Martin, Jr.	10 00
M. E. Tucker, furniture and bedding, Arthur Ellis	25 87
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board, Arthur E. Woodbury	70 00
P. A. Martin, house rent for Mrs. J. Caswell	50 00
Town of Natick, board of Henry Allen's child	104 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,251 77

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,251 77	
Geo. H. Copeland, lodging for tramps . . .	1 50	
N. Lee, coal for Mrs. Charles Bacon	20 15	
N. Lee, coal for Mrs. Frazier	6 60	
N. Lee, coal for M. Connell	6 35	
City of Lynn, aid rendered Caroline Pierce .	7 50	
D. N. Kemp, groceries supplied Mrs. Proctor	5 00	
Nath'l Seaver, aid rendered Ellen Burrows .	72 00	
Cash paid Mrs. Harriet E. Maker	12 00	
S. J. Pettengill, groceries supplied C. Bacon .	105 20	
J. Washburn, cash paid Mrs. Abbotts' fare to St. Johns	12 50	
J. Washburn, cash paid medicine Mrs. A. Stone	1 18	
J. Washburn, services as Overseer and team .	35 00	
John C. Stimpson, travelling expenses . . .	5 00	
John C. Stimpson, services as Overseer . . .	45 00	
John A. Rogers, services as Overseer . . .	15 00	
N. M. Hawkes, legal services	25 00	
City of Lynn, aid rendered Abbie Pierce . .	3 75	
Alden Choate, Coal for A. Stone	2 13	
Alden Choate, coal for J. O. Stone	5 25	
Alden Choate, coal for Amos Holt	4 25	
Alden Choate, coal for M. Connell	3 12	
Alden Choate, coal for Chas. Bacon	5 25	
John Pedrick, cash paid	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,678 50
Reimbursed by friends of Anna F. Richardt	\$87 78	
Reimbursed by John P. Russell	30 59	
Reimbursed by Amos Holt	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$122 62
To be reimbursed by State, Wm. Quiner . .	76 35	
To be reimbursed by State, Jas. Bishop . . .	91 75	
To be reimbursed by State, John Pedrick . .	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$196 10
Actual expense of Poor Department	\$1,359 78	

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Receipts	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$502 00

EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Symonds, services police, 30 weeks at \$10	\$300 00	
J. F. Symonds, services police, 12 days . . .	17 16	
J. F. Symonds, services police, special duty .	1 50	
J. F. Symonds, services enforcing dog law . .	15 00	
J. F. Symonds, services carrying prisoner to Lynn	2 00	
D. W. Nesbitt, services police, 6 weeks, at \$9	54 00	
D. W. Nesbitt, services police, special, 1 week	10 00	
D. W. Nesbitt, services, constable	22 50	
John Washburn, horse and carryall	1 00	
John McDonough, horse and carryall	1 00	
Nath'l Galeucia, services as constable . . .	20 00	
James Wheeler, services as constable	25 00	
	<u> </u>	\$469 16

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

Receipts	\$210 50
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EXPENDITURES.

Lynn Gas Light Co.	\$129 30
S. J. Pettengill, broom	30
J. P. Small, labor, keys, etc.	2 80
Jos. F. Symonds, services special police . . .	5 70
T. O. Philbrick, stock and labor	3 50
N. Lee, coal	22 69

Amount carried forward, \$164 29

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$164 29	
G. H. Holden, wood	5 85	
W. H. Hutchinson, window line	1 23	
I. H. Andrews, hanging windows, etc.	2 75	
John E. Chase, cleaning vault	4 00	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, cleaning Town Hall	12 00	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, alcohol, chimney and rake	1 90	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, extra services janitor	15 00	
W. H. Collius, paint and labor	7 50	
Wm. Granger, clearing rubbish	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$216 02

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Receipts from sale of lots	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Joseph Breck & Sons, tools and grass-seed	\$10 30	
John H. Myers, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' blasting	3 94	
Daniel Myers, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' blasting	4 50	
Daniel Myers, blasting	2 25	
Daniel Myers, Jr., 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' blasting	3 94	
James Bryson, teaming	5 25	
Martin Nies, 1 day with team	3 50	
James E. Phillips, painting house, pump and gate	22 00	
John G. Collins, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor at \$1.75	35 87	
Jos. S. Brown, 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor at \$1.75	62 56	
Rienzi Phillips, stock and labor	8 43	
Isaac H. Andrews, services as superintendent	25 00	
Isaac H. Andrews, stock and labor	60	
	<hr/>	\$188 14

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

George F. King, book	\$2 75	
P. Cullen, two anchors	1 50	
John Kennedy, cleaning Beach	2 00	
John Washburn, cleaning Beach	4 00	
John Washburn, hogshead	1 00	
R. B. Jordan, services, Board of Health, 1879	15 00	
Thos. Farrell, cleaning, Beaches	60 00	
Hastings & Sons, advertising	2 00	
Isaac K. Harris, survey and plan	6 00	
B. A. Martin, cleaning drain	2 00	
S. J. Pettengill, nails	75	
Bartlett Shaw, labor on Beach drain	5 00	
R. B. Jordan, services, Board of Health, 1880	15 00	
C. E. Harris, services Board of Health, 1880	25 00	
C. E. Harris, cleaning Beach	5 50	
George Town, services, Board of Health	25 00	
D. Marshall, services, Board of Health, 1879	25 00	
D. Marshall, services, Board of Health, 1880	40 00	
D. Marshall, printing regulations	2 50	
D. Marshall, cleaning Beaches	7 95	
		\$247 95

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$1,100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Jas. A. Knowlton, building for storing oil	\$25 00
Jas. A. Knowlton, rent of house and land	4 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$29 50</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$29 50	
Street Lamp Committee, one lamp	7 00	
T. O. Philbrick, chimneys	50	
Ed. Marsh, care of lamps two months . . .	22 86	
C. A. Morris, glass	1 45	
Globe Gas Light Co., lighting and care of lamps, 1880	775 00	
	<hr/>	\$836 31

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Appropriation	\$100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Wm. A. Francis, sundries	\$5 20	
Jas. Boyd & Son, suction hose	19 97	
R. P. Kendrick, services as steward	25 00	
Thos. Bergin, repairs	2 50	
Engine Co., services engine men	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 67

CURB-STONE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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RECEIPTS.

George W. Stone	\$11 15	
George Towns	8 71	
Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	10 37	
Gustavus Austin	9 75	
Wm. F. Norcross	11 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,050 98	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,050 98
James A. Knowlton	19 36
Mrs. E. L. Harris	14 59
Horace W. Blanchard	14 63
John Chapman	11 00
Mrs. Mehitable S. Lowell	7 77
Nathan M. Harris	7 96
J. Frank Blaney	11 77
Mrs. J. C. Blaney	33 77
D. Holman Millett	9 09
Wm. Galeucia	16 23
George Towns	22 99
Mrs. J. C. Blaney	79 84
Zebedee Small	31 11
Chas. W. Haskell	22 13
Charles P. Curtis	23 98
Jacob M. Haskell	55 22
Daniel P. Stimpson	15 43
William Seger	10 27
Bartlett Shaw	15 84
Frank F. Stanley	14 36
Frank E. Ingalls	13 42
Hiram H. Wardwell	11 09
Benjamin J. Lindsey	18 45
John McDonough	16 28
Eckford A. Thorndike	21 67
Mrs. Paul Newell	14 98
Isaac H. Andrews	15 98
First Congregational Society	11 22
S. E. Bailey	16 56
John Smith	1 27
Edward Knowles	26 18
James E. Phillips	16 32
William F. Joy	14 80
Charles E. Morrison	45 03
John Stanley	16 81

Amount carried forward,

\$2,748 38

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,748 38
George S. Hall	17 95
Mrs. J. C. Blaney	65 03
Eben N. Wardwell	15 33
Philo S. Shelton	79 31
R. E. D. Emmons	43 71
Mrs. A. N. Loring	20 74
Mrs. C. F. Allen	14 63
Daniel Marshall	13 64
Mrs. E. S. Horton	16 92
Fred A. Tweed	4 15
Ziba Eldridge	11 84
George F. King	22 19
	<hr/> \$3,073 82

EXPENDITURES.

SETTING, BLASTING AND GRADING.

Daniel J. Myers, 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor at \$1.75 . .	\$79 17
Daniel J. Myers, 48 days' labor at \$2.00 . .	96 00
Malachi Kennedy, 71 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor at \$2.00 . .	143 50
Malachi Kennedy, 1 day's labor	1 50
John Kennedy, 71 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor at \$1.50 . .	107 62
John Myers, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor at \$1.75	7 88
Thomas Cahill, 12 days' labor at \$1.75 . . .	21 00
George H. Wellman, 26 days' labor at \$1.75 .	45 50
Stephen McDonough, 1 day's labor	1 75
Bartlett Shaw, 3 days' labor at \$1.75	5 25
Thomas Bergin, sharpening tools	3 65
Charles E. Durgin, axe	1 75
Patrick Cullen, labor and tools	15 26
Wm. H. Wilson, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor	1 75
Wm. H. Wilson, 1087 feet curb-stones . . .	478 10
Jas. A. Knowlton, 88 feet curb-stones at 44 cts.	38 72
John D. Dennis, 2 cant hooks at \$2.50 . . .	5 00
Capt. E. E. Scammon, freight on curb-stones .	90 97
Capt. J. H. Bennett, freight on curb-stones .	59 02
Alden Choate, wharfage	20 55

Amount carried forward, \$1,223 94

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,223 94	
Jos. H. West, 1874 feet curb-stones at 29 cents	542 28	
Scott Brothers, 1790 ft. curb-stones at 44 cts.	787 70	
Scott Brothers, 41 ft. curb-stones at 50 cts. .	20 70	
C. J. Gardner, teaming curb stoness	90 78	
I. H. Andrews, 72 days' work superintending, labor, setting, surveying and assessing abutters for curb-stones	180 00	
I. H. Andrews, pattern for covers	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,846 40

STATE AID DEPARTMENT.

Received from State	\$750 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Joseph W. Glass	\$72 00	
Patrick Milan	48 00	
Wm. Widger	48 00	
Wm. H. Johnson	48 00	
Andrew M. Chute	48 00	
Charles H. Fairbanks	48 00	
James Umber	43 00	
John C. Stimpson	120 00	
John Merritt	52 50	
Michael Haley	48 00	
Matthew B. Cochrane	72 00	
George W. Pierce	40 50	
James K. Carroll	48 00	
Wm. F. Fay	24 00	
George Horton	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$764 50

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.
Selectmen's Department	\$2,751 00	\$1,714 41
School Department	6,638 04	6,554 47
Highway Department	4,000 00	5,182 83
Library Department	797 27	802 91
Overseers of Poor Department	1,622 62	1,678 50
Police Department	502 00	469 16
Town Hall Department	210 50	216 02
Health Department	300 00	247 95
State Aid Department	750 00	764 50
Cemetery Department	500 00	188 14
Lamp Department	1,000 00	836 31
Fire Department	100 00	112 67
Curbstone Department	3,073 82	2,846 40
State Tax	Corporation and Bank Tax.	2,145 00
County Tax		2,335 00
Interest	2,500 00	2,381 53
Corporation Tax	4,586 69	
National Bank Tax	1,614 81	
	<u>\$30,946 75</u>	<u>\$28,475 80</u>

. SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town House and Lot	\$10,000 00
Grammar School House and Lot	9,000 00
Beach School House and Lot	4,500 00
Pine Street School House and Lot	5,000 00
Essex Street School House and Lot	2,000 00
Farm School House and Lot	2,000 00
Engine House and Lot, Engine and Hose	1,500 00
Building for Storing Oil	25 00
Gravel Pits	1,000 00
Derrick	150 00
Treasurer's Safe	50 00
Town Safe at Town Hall	250 00
Town Library	3,000 00
Hay Scales	100 00
Scale and Weights	100 00
Two Revolvers and Badges	18 75
Two Pairs Handcuffs	10 00
Snow Plow \$25.00 ; Fifteen Picks \$15.00	40 00
Sixteen Shovels \$10.00 ; Three Iron Bars \$6.00	16 00

\$38,759 75

*Town of Swampscott in Acc't with Joseph Stanley, Collector.**Dr.*

To amount of Taxes collected, 1880	\$20,193 14	
amount of Taxes abated	255 25	
amount of Taxes discounted	353 52	
cash paid County Tax	2,335 00	
	<u> </u>	\$23,136 91

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By amount committed, 1880	\$23,136 91
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JOSEPH STANLEY, *Collector,**Town of Swampscott in Acc't with William Seger, Collector.*

1880.

Dr.

To amount collected, 1875	\$16 58	
amount collected, 1874	4 50	
error in commitment, 1875	48 17	
error in commitment, 1874	11 85	
amount uncollectable, 1875	581 22	
amount uncollectable, 1874	235 70	
interest collected	5 81	
	<u> </u>	\$903 83

Cr.

By balance committed, 1875	\$645 97	
By balance committed, 1874	252 05	
By interest collected	5 81	
	<u> </u>	\$903 83

WM. SEGER, *Collector.*

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT IN ACCOUNT WITH

Dr.

To cash paid	Selectmen's orders, 1879	\$280 40
	Selectmen's orders, 1880	21,393 74
	State Treasurer, State tax	2,145 00
	National City Bank, temporary loan . . .	3,500 00
	Interest on notes	2,381 53
	State Treasurer, one-quarter of money received for licenses	50 00
	Elizabeth P. Proctor, note	500 00
	Salem National Bank, note	6,000 00
	John Smith, note	300 00
	John T. Hooper, note	874 80
*Cash in the treasury, February 28, 1881		9,903 91

\$47,329 38

*We have verified the above statement by personal inquiry at the National City Bank of Lynn, and we also hold a certificate from the Cashier, that there is on deposit at this time, (March 7th,) the above amount, subject to the order of the Treasurer.

*D. P. STIMPSON TREASURER,**Cr.*

By balance, cash in the treasury, March 1, 1880	\$13,899 47
cash, State Treasurer, Corporation tax	4,586 69
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	1,614 81
State Treasurer, State Aid	750 00
State Treasurer, Relief of Indigent Soldiers	508 02
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund	138 04
State Treasurer, balance Corporation tax, 1879	58 87
County Treasurer, dog tax fund	166 97
I. H. Andrews, rent of Town Hall	108 00
J. E. O. Nesbitt, rent of Town Hall	102 50
I. H. Andrews, Cemetery lots	200 00
Liquor licenses	200 00
One-half cost of edge-stones	1,073 82
J. C. Stimpson, Overseers of Poor	122 62
S. L. Honors, Town Library	30 30
H. F. Hurlburt, use of law books	25 00
H. M. Norton, land rent	15 00
National City Bank, (loan)	3,500 00
D. Townsend, peddlers' license	6 00
J. F. Symonds, Police department	2 00
Wm. Seger, Taxes	26 89
Joseph Stanley, Taxes	20,193 14
Isaac H. Andrews, money found in safe	1 24
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	\$47,329 38

*D. P. STIMPSON, Treasurer.*SWAMPSCOTT, *March 1, 1881.*

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS. 1880.

Selectmen,

ISAAC H. ANDREWS,
GEORGE TOWNS, CHAS. W. HASKELL.

Town Clerk,

BENJ. J. LINDSEY.

Assessors,

D. HOLMAN MILLETT,
JOHN CHAPMAN, ISAAC H. ANDREWS.

Treasurer,

DANIEL P. STIMPSON.

Surveyor of Highways,

BARTLETT SHAW.

Constables,

JAMES WHEELER,
NATHANIEL GALEUCIA, D. W. NESBITT.

Board of Health,

GEORGE TOWNS,
DANIEL MARSHALL, CHAS. E. HARRIS.

School Committee,

FRANK O. ELLIS, 1882.
CHAS. P. CURTIS, 1881, SAM'L O. INGALLS, 1883.

Overseers of Poor,

JOHN C. STIMPSON,
JOHN WASHBURN, JOHN RODGERS.

Auditing Committee,

D. HOLMAN MILLETT,
BENJ. J. LINDSEY, FRANCIS C. THING.

Fence Viewers,

JOHN CHAPMAN,
EBENEZER HOLT, JOHN R. MERRITT.

Field Drivers,

THOS. WIDGER, DANIEL MYERS.

Pound Keeper,

THOS. WIDGER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures,

GEORGE W. HARRIS.

Measurer of Wood, Bark and Lumber,

ISAAC H. ANDREWS.

Collector of Taxes,

JOSEPH STANLEY.

Trustees of Library,

CURTIS V. MERRITT.
FRANK F. STANLEY, GEORGE H. HOLDEN.

Librarian,

MISS S. L. HONORS.

Janitor of Town Hall,

J. E. O. NESBITT.

Town Weigher,

THOMAS PEDRICK.

Chief Engineers,

IVORY EMMONS,

A. F. NESBITT.

Special Police,

JOSEPH. F. SYMONDS,

D. W. NESBITT.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON BEACH AVENUE
AND COLUMBIA STREET.

325 loads of filling, at 15 cents	\$48 75	
203 loads of filling, at 15 cents	30 45	
35 days' labor with team, at \$3.50	122 50	
145 days' labor, at \$3.75	253 75	
Ploughing Columbia Street	1 00	
Blasting stone	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$459 45

BARTLETT SHAW, *Surveyor.*

D. HOLMAN MILLETT,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
BENJ. J. LINDSEY,		
FRANCIS C. THING.		

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT:—

WE think that we may fittingly congratulate our townsmen upon the prosperity of the year now closing. It has been long since the business interests of our citizens have been so thriving as during the past season. Notwithstanding the public improvements made during the year, our rate of taxation has been unprecedentedly low. The general health of the place, as shown by our death-rate, has been remarkably good. Order and morality have prevailed among our people, and, thanks to the wise liberality shown at the last Annual Meeting in providing for needed improvements, we have as a Town, received hearty commendations for our evident new purpose to keep more nearly abreast with the age. We respectfully call your attention to the following topics.

JOHN P. PALMER CLAIM.

The payment of the claim of John P. Palmer against the inhabitants of the Town in accordance with the vote passed March 18, 1880, we found to be illegal, without an

enabling Act from the General Court, authorizing and empowering the Town so to do. Such an Act has been passed, containing however the following condition, viz. : "*Provided*, that at a legal meeting of said Town to be held hereafter, a majority shall vote to pay the same."

S. A. LEWIS' CLAIM.

Upon the S. A. Lewis Claim which was referred to the Selectmen with full power to act, we would report that we found that the S. A. Lewis estate had been injured by raising the grade of Rock Avenue, and we agreed with Mr. Lewis' representative, Mr. A. F. Nesbitt, to fill in the drive-way and pay him \$4.17, providing he would give the Town a receipt in full for all damage caused by raising said grade, all of which has been done and accepted at a total expense of \$15.54.

GEORGE F. KING CLAIM.

In regard to the George F. King Claim, which was referred to the Selectmen to report upon, we have been unable to make any satisfactory arrangements with Mr. King, and we would recommend that he be granted leave to withdraw.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

In relation to our duties in regulating intoxicating liquors, we would say that during the year we have granted three licenses. We regret to report, also, that having

in the early part of the year received certain complaints as to the violation of the liquor laws, we felt it our duty, as guardians of the public good, and in conformity with the vote passed at the last Annual Meeting, to prosecute two persons under the "Liquor Nuisance Law."

CURB-STONES AND WAY-MARKS.

With reference to curb-stones, we would recommend that the same plan be followed as last year. The establishment or determining of highway grades, and street boundaries, is at times, one of the most perplexing of the questions that come before the Board. Our street boundaries are very irregular, and will need straightening in many places in the near future. We would recommend that stone street-crossings be laid at the junction of streets where needed most. Many of our street and way-signs will need new posts during the coming year, and a number of the sign boards now missing will need to be replaced.

The following Reports will inform you of the work done in each department, all of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. ANDREWS,	} <i>Selectmen of Swampscott.</i>
CHAS. W. HASKELL,	
GEORGE TOWNS,	

REPORT OF STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE.

THE Street Light Committee respectfully submit the following Report :—

There are now erected one hundred and five lamps, eighty being erected by the Committee from subscriptions ; the remainder were all placed previous to the vote of the Town. There is now subscribed enough for four additional lamps, when the weather will permit of their being set. The Committee, after examining different modes of lighting, including kerosene, closed a contract May 3, 1880, with the Globe Gas Light Co., whose lights have been adopted by many of the large towns of New England. The Company agreeing to furnish the burners, and material used for lighting, to light and keep the lanterns in repair, for the sum of ten dollars per lamp for one year of twenty nights per month.

There are now street lights on Humphrey Street from Lynn line to Phillips' Beach Station ; on Essex St. from Burrill St. to Lynn line ; the whole length of Burrill St., Beach Avenue, Columbia and Pine Sts., Rock Avenue, Phillips, Redington, Highland, Rockland, Blaney, and Orient Sts., with five lamps in the different Courts. By

the addition of five more lamps, the above localities would be well lighted.

We think the lights have generally proved satisfactory, and the Committee after taking everything into consideration, are of the opinion that gasoline, the article now used, is the best material for lighting. The Committee recommend an appropriation for the continuance of lighting the street lamps for the ensuing year.

IVORY EMMONS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
D. P. STIMPSON,		
J. P. PALMER,		
S. F. CROSMAN,		
C. E. DURGIN.		

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERY.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :—

The most satisfactory feature of my report is to speak of the few occasions for using our Cemetery during the past year. With one exception, our mortality rate has been smaller the past twelve months than during any year of the last decade. The deaths were of males fifteen, of females fifteen, or one and one-fifth per cent. of our population, which record shows that Swampscott was unusually healthful in 1880. At our last Annual Meeting, three hundred dollars were appropriated to keep the Cemetery in order. Entering upon my duties, I found the front gates broken; these have been repaired and painted. The well I found in an unfinished condition, this has been completed. The pump has been repaired and painted, and a new platform for it has been built. The building has also been repaired, and painted two coats. Among the new improvements made, has been the removing of a ledge from one of the avenues, so that carriages can now pass without driving on private lots. Also, the public lots upon which the grass had died out have been graded, and sown with grass seed, as well as improved in other ways.

The total expenditure has been \$188.14.

The receipts have been \$200.00, eight lots having been sold at \$25 each.

The grounds are now in good condition, and I am of the opinion that no extra appropriation will be required for the coming year. The only recommendation that I would make is, that certain of the trees which have died, be replaced by new ones.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. ANDREWS, *Supt.*

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

THE results of the year just closed have been of a very satisfactory character, and the Library is now operated upon a liberal basis, and its popularity is attested by its patronage. Upon the resignation of Mr. Merritt as Librarian, which took place May 1, 1880, Miss Kittie Honors was chosen his successor, who is now serving to the utmost satisfaction of the Trustees, and public generally. Miss Honors is ably assisted in her duties by Masters Charles Rowell and Charles C. Merritt.

From the Librarian's Report we learn that the Library is open every Saturday from 2 to 9, P.M., and on Wednesday from 4 to 9, P.M., throughout the year. Number of book takers, 967, against 600 the previous year, and 16,157 books have been delivered, showing a gain of 4,254 in one year. From the sale of catalogues and for fees \$30.30 has been received; 235 new books have been added during the year by purchases. Donations have been received from the State of Massachusetts, 6 volumes; C. P. Curtis, Esq., 1 volume; from the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, of New York City, a complete set of the works of Emanuel Swedenborg, 17 vols.; 13 books

have been purchased to replace worn and lost ones. The Library now contains 3,275 volumes, in addition to which are 197 books of reference; total, 3,472 volumes; also, 251 magazines and unbound pamphlets.

Among the newly purchased books will be found many interesting (illustrated) works of travel, history, biography, and the sciences; also, the best writers of fiction and juvenile literature are well represented.

We are pleased to note the large increase in circulation, which for the past year has been about fifty per cent. over the year previous. We presume this is in great measure due to our constantly adding new and popular books, and thus keeping at all times a full supply of attractive reading matter for all classes, and to the added number of days on which the Library has been open, affording an opportunity to renew books more frequently than before. The same amount of appropriation for the coming year is earnestly recommended, and could be used very advantageously and satisfactorily to our patrons.

CURTIS MERRITT,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
GEO. H. HOLDEN,		
F. F. STANLEY,		

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

Males, 21; Females, 25; Total, 46. There was one pair of twins.

Nativity of Grooms.—Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Scotland and France, 1 each; Ireland and Nova Scotia, 2 each; Maine, 3; Massachusetts, 33.

Nativity of Brides.—Maine, Vermont, Canada and France, 1 each; New York, 3; Nova Scotia, 5; Ireland, 6; Massachusetts, 27.

Fathers born in Swampscott, 1. Mothers born in Swampscott, 9.

Births in January, 2; February, 4; March, 2; April, 1; May, 5; June, 3; July, 3; August, 6; September, 4; October, 5; November, 6; December 5.

MARRIAGES.

Marriages recorded, 21. Certificates issued, 17.

Oldest couple, 58 and 51; youngest couple, 19 and 16. Oldest groom, 58; oldest bride, 51. Youngest groom, 18; youngest bride, 16. Fourth marriage, 1. Second marriage, grooms, 4; brides, 3.

Nativity of Grooms. — Maine, Vermont, Ireland, 1 each; New Hampshire, 3; Massachusetts, 15.

Nativity of Brides.—Nova Scotia and Ireland, 1 each; New Hampshire and New York, 2 each; Massachusetts, 15.

Occupation of Grooms.—Mechanic, hotel-keeper, stable-keeper, school teacher, tailor, oil clothing manufacturer, salesman and station agent, 1 each; fishermen, 2; tanners, 3; shoemakers, 8.

Marriages in January, 2; February, 2; March, 1; April, 4; May, 2; June, 1; July, 3; August, none; September, 1; October, 1; November, 2; December, 2.

A. H. Currier, John G. Blades, S. S. Mathews, A. A. Williams, E. A. Manning, Henry Hinckley, N. C. Mallory, J. J. McNamara, of Lynn, C. C. Burrows, of Swampscott, Lucian Drury, of Danversport, R. L. Green, of Great Falls, N. H., 1 each; John E. Dame and E. N. Kerby, of Swampscott, 2 each; George A. Jackson, 6.

DEATHS.

Males, 15; Females, 15; Total, 30.

Causes of Death.—Diseases of brain, abscess, cancer, intestinal catarrh, heart disease, phthisis, disease of bladder, hydrothorax, one each; typhoid fever, premature birth, scrofula, diphtheria, old age, apoplexy, pneumonia, progressive paralysis, convulsions, two each; consumption, three.

Deaths under 5 years, 7; 5 to 10 years, 4; 10 to 20 years, none; 20 to 30 years, 2; 30 to 40 years, none; 40 to 50 years, 4; 50 to 60 years, 1; 60 to 70 years, 4; 70 to 80 years, 7; 80 to 90 years, 1.

Deaths in January, 5; February, 4; March, 2; April, 4; May, 2; June, none; July, 1; August, 2; September, 4; October, none; November, 4; December, 2.

The following persons were 70 years and upwards:—Mrs. Susan C. Cobb, 70; Alma M. Jordan, 74; Lewis Delano, 71; Emily C. Porter, 71; Nathaniel Fuller, 77; Robert M. Mason, 76; Mary Bigelow, 70; Mary G. Thorndike, 82.

Number of dogs licensed, 98; males, 89; females, 9.

Licenses issued for sale of liquor, 3. First and Second Class, one each. Amount received, \$200.

Other licenses, 1 peddler. Amount, \$6.

Amount received from County Treasurer for dogs for the year 1879, \$166.97.

BENJ. J. LINDSEY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

ESSEX, SS.

To JAMES WHEELER, Constable of the Town of
Swampscott:— GREETING:

IN the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Swampscott, on the Nineteenth Day of March next, at nine o'clock, A. M., then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will vote to pay the claim of John P. Palmer, in accordance with the Act of the Legislature of 1881, authorizing such payment, "*Provided*, that at a legal meeting of said Town to be hereafter called, a majority shall vote to pay the same. (The said vote to be by a 'Yes' or 'No' ballot, to be cast at the same time as those cast for the election of Town Officers)."

ART. 3. To choose a Town Clerk for the current year.

To choose a Town Treasurer for the current year.

To choose a Board of Selectmen for one year.

To choose a Board of Assessors, one for *one* year, one for *two* years, and one for *three* years.

To choose a Collector of Taxes for the current year.

To choose one or more Surveyors of Highways for one year.

To choose one School Committee for three years.

To choose three Overseers of the Poor, one for *one* year, one for *two* years, one for *three* years.

To choose three Fence Viewers for the current year.

To choose a Board of Health Officers for one year.

To choose three members of the Auditing Committee for one year.

To choose all necessary Constables, Field Drivers, and Pound Keepers for the current year.

All to be chosen on one ballot.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the Reports of the Selectmen, the Auditors, the School Committee, the Trustees of the Library, the Surveyor of Highways, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the Committee on Street Lights, and any other committee previously chosen.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay Town indebtedness.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed and collected.

ART. 8. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Treasurer for the current year.

ART. 9. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Collector for the collection of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 10. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector for the collection of the taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

ART. 12. To see what discount, if any, the Town will allow on taxes paid before a certain date.

ART. 13. To see in what manner the Town will appropriate the money received for the licensing of dogs.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to

repair, and remove the obstructions from the side-walks of Rose Street, pave the gutters of the same, and appropriate money therefor, agreeably to the petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to furnish and set curb-stones, providing the abutters will pay one-half of the expenses.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase and lay street crossings.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will appropriate a certain sum of money to enforce the laws of the State in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors, for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will prohibit the inhabitants of the Town from running their sewerage or drainage upon the beaches or into the Town drains.

ART. 20. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the sale of unredeemed real estate, which was purchased by the Town to secure the payment of unpaid taxes.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a seal for the official use of the Town, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 225 of the Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of Massachusetts, in the year 1878, entitled "An Act in relation to Selectmen and Assessors," so far as it relates to Selectmen.

ART. 23. To see what action the Town will take in placing a hydrant at the foot of Phillips Street.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to make a survey, and estimate the cost of extending Pine Street to the Sea.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will compensate Hawes Atwood for damages caused to his land on Rock Avenue by the action of the Town in undermining the same, by taking gravel from their pit on New Ocean Street.

ART. 26. To see what action the Town will take in regard to lighting street lamps, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept an offer made by the Trustees of the First Church Parish to allow the Church bell to be rung by the Town at 12 o'clock,

M., and 9 o'clock, P. M, in accordance with the common New England custom, and to employ a Bell Ringer for the purpose at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purchase of land, and the erection thereon of a building for the use of the First Primary School, now kept in the Grammar School Building.

ART. 29. To hear and act upon the Report of the Committee on the enlargement of the Town Hall.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Depot, Post Office, and three other public and conspicuous places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

ISAAC H. ANDREWS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
GEORGE TOWNS,		<i>of</i>
CHAS. W. HASKELL,		<i>Swampscott.</i>

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB 28, 1881.



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REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

OUR opportunity of again presenting a statement of the condition of the schools of the Town, is one when we may safely congratulate the citizens upon the prosperity and efficiency of the same. Without flattery toward any, we again say, with more confidence than last year, that the work done is encouraging.

The only change in the administration of school affairs during the year, was the employment of Miss E. J. Hadley as teacher of the Second Grammar School, and that of Miss Annie E. Boynton in the Pine Street Primary — Miss Thing having been promoted to the vacancy in the Pine Street Intermediate caused by the retirement of Mrs. Larkin, after a long and honorable service.

ATTENDANCE

Has been larger than ever before — a natural result of the return of business prosperity and a consequent increase of population. The Pine Street Schools have been much of the time full, and the schools in the Grammar building have been considerably larger than last year. The number in the Beach Schools has been somewhat larger,

while the Farms and Essex Street attendance remain about the same.

STUDIES.

But little change has been made in the course of study in any of the schools. Some variations of arrangement have been adopted for convenience, and in the matter of advanced reading for the Grammar Schools, we have placed in them, at the Town's expense, a supply of the "Young People's History of the United States." The reading gives excellent practice, and at the same time the pupil's mind is being stored with the more important and interesting portions of the history of our country.

HEALTH.

We are glad to report that comparatively little sickness has occurred during the year. One or two deaths, and a few serious cases of diphtheria, are all that remind us of the ravages of that disease which hindered the work of the Beach Schools the preceding year.

TRUANCY

Has not increased, and we have had but one or two obstinate cases. Were parents a little more mindful of their duty in the premises, there would seldom be occasion for the services of the Truant Officer.

The report of the officer for the year is as follows:— Investigated 40 cases; visited 28 families; returned 9 to school; visited schools 28 times.

VISITATION.

The Board have endeavored, in their individual capacity, to visit the schools as often as occasion offered — mak-

ing their calls, so far as possible, frequent, if not lengthy. Neither the Farms nor the Essex Street, have needed much attention from the Board; yet we have endeavored to do them justice. The other schools involve more important considerations and a larger share of our attention. We have taken some pains to ascertain in regard to visiting by the pupils' parents, and find that in one or two instances at least, no parent has called at the school room during the session, since the opening of the Fall Term! The implicit confidence thus manifested in the management of the schools, we shall endeavor to accept as complimentary to the teachers and to the Committee.

BOOKS, ETC.

The Board introduced an entire new series of reading books, with satisfaction to all, so far as known. Old books were exchanged, and the expense made light as possible, by supplying to all at first cost. A change in advanced geographies was also effected with little opposition, and language lessons instead of old grammars, were introduced in the Grammar Schools. The Board has not been unmindful of the inconvenience caused by changes, and have only done so when they deemed it a duty. Other supplies have been furnished as usual — paper, ink, drawing and examination paper, free; while extra supplies are to be had at wholesale prices.

BUILDINGS.

The Committee did not anticipate any considerable outlay for repairs at the beginning of the Town year, but with

the advent of hot weather, the necessity for painting was made apparent; and contracts were accordingly made for the painting of Pine Street, Essex Street, and Grammar School buildings, and we feel that the outlay has been well placed. Some minor repairs were also made, and the front half of the Beach School lot was graded at a considerable expense, to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water in the yard. The Committee have also made a beginning in the matter of replacing the old-fashioned, worn-out, and otherwise objectionable double seats, with which nearly all our schools are furnished, by supplying improved single desks and seats for the Pine Street Primary. At least three more schools should be furnished in this way the coming year. As a minor expenditure, which for the amount of health and comfort promoted thereby, is worthy of note, we have put in base-board ventilators in the windows of the Farms and Beach Schools, so that pure air without exposure to drafts, is secured. The results at the Grammar School building have not been so satisfactory, on account of the peculiar situation of the school rooms, and the large amount of fresh air needed.

CROWDED SCHOOLS.

The increase of pupils in the Town has become so great as to make an imperative demand for further accommodations. The point where the pressure is felt, is in the Second Grammar School; all the intermediate and mixed schools sending their advanced classes to this school at the opening of each Fall Term. This year, we have barely been able to seat the scholars from the other schools

while retaining the advanced class of the Beach Intermediate, under the instruction of Miss Wardwell, who undertook this labor in addition to her regular duties. We regret to say that the consequent overwork came near causing serious illness; but by the services of an assistant for a few weeks, the work has been carried along, until Miss Wardwell has now brought the school to a creditable degree of efficiency. The thanks of the Committee and of all interested in the school, are due her for her faithful services in this emergency.

To return to our subject: the pressing need is, a much larger room for the Second Grammar, which can be best accomplished, as we think, by removing the partition between the two rooms on the first floor, thus giving twice the present accommodations, and probably ample room for this school for some years. Not only is the seating capacity to be considered at this point, but the health of the pupils is so seriously imperiled by their crowded condition, that we should be remiss in our duty, did we not press this matter upon our citizens for immediate action, as of the utmost importance. Of course, this plan of necessity contemplates other provisions for the First Primary School, whose room would thus be appropriated for the Second Grammar School; and of itself, this is desirable, if not necessary, since we deem it imprudent to maintain a school of the youngest pupils in such proximity to those of the more advanced scholars. A new building, therefore, is recommended by the Committee, to be located favorably for the accommodation of the First Primary School, with additional room for another school of higher grade, which will soon need to be established.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

We have to report the condition of this school as favorable, when we consider the difficulties under which it has been conducted for the past three years. Considerable opposition to the continuance of the school has at times been manifested, though not latterly ; and the rather small number who continue beyond the first year of the course, make it up hill work for the Principal to maintain the desired enthusiasm. Nevertheless, we feel that the school is worth vastly more than its costs to the Town, and will in the course of years accomplish for some of our girls and boys what cannot be computed in money, a training for positions in life which they would not otherwise have received.

At the close of the last school year, the school graduated its first class of three young ladies, who thus bear the honor of receiving the first diplomas of the Swampscott High School, and acquit themselves with credit to the school, viz. :—Nellie A. Andrews, Carrie B. Millett, Bina S. Roberts.

We hope to see an increased number completing the course next year, but for this year the class will not exceed two, owing to a combination of hindrances. Death has taken one from the school, Mabel Holden, whose qualities as a student and associate, will keep her memory long in the hearts of those who knew her.

OUR TEACHERS.

The Committee do not purpose to praise the corps of instructors in detail, but say with all candor, that we consider the Town fortunate in having so able and efficient a

number of teachers. We can see defects in methods and in discipline in several, perhaps all ; but when we consider their strong points, and remember our own deficiencies, we feel to congratulate ourselves on the high average of our working force. We invite attention to the several schools, and trust that the parents will go and see for themselves what the teachers are doing, and we believe they will concur in judgment, with what we have expressed.

CONCLUSION.

The commonest blessings are often least appreciated, and this will be our excuse for reminding some parents of the great value of our free public schools. What would in some civilized countries, and even in some places in this land, cost a large outlay of money, is here at the disposal of every child, by simply accepting it. The child of the poorest laborer enjoys equally with that of the wealthiest, the benefits of instruction in all that generations of painstaking study and experience have given to the world. That which makes this nation the mighty people it is to-day, is largely our schools. That which makes the Northern and Western States so largely predominant in population, wealth and power, is more than for all other reasons, on account of their free common schools. And that which opens the avenues of success and usefulness to every girl and boy in this Town, and makes the highest places a possibility to every one, is our ten school-rooms with the faithful and capable teachers, provided at public expense. Then let no parent fail to avail his children of

this most valuable privilege, and may our schools and their scholars take first rank in this good old commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. P. CURTIS,
FRANK O. ELLIS,
SAM'L O. INGALLS, } *Committee.*

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS. 1880.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.		FALL TERM.		AVERAGE AGE.
		Jan.	Mar.	Apr.	June.	Sept.	Dec.	
		Whole No. in attend.	Average No. in attend.	Whole No. in attend.	Average No. in attend.	Whole No. in attend.	Average No. in attend.	
FIRST PRIMARY.....	Miss Mott.....	47	43	40	36	43	40	7.5
PINE STREET PRIMARY	Miss Boynton...	30	24	42	34	46	36	7.5
BEACH PRIMARY.....	Miss Grey.....	45	41.8	43	37	38	34	7+
FARMS	Miss Stanley....	29	26	30	27	27	25	8.
ESSEX STREET.....	Miss Machon...	17	16.8	19	17.3	15	14	8
PINE STREET INTERMEDIATE.	Miss Thing....	35	32	38	35	51	44	9.6
BEACH INTERMEDIATE.....	Miss Wardwell..	32	30	43	41	40	38	11
SECOND GRAMMAR.....	Miss Hadley....	50	45.3	40	38.7	56	47.6	12
FIRST GRAMMAR.....	Miss A. M. Mott	44	40.6	39	35.3	38	36.4	13+
HIGH.....	Mr. Bailey.....	15	11.5	14	11.5	27	22.5	16—

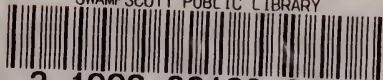


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